

THE LEDGER.

THURSDAY, JAN. 6, 1887.

EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.

PAY UP your mining stock.

Mexico should prepare for a boom.

PAY UP your stock in the Mining Company.

Mexico is bound to boom in the spring.

This Board of Trade should make a good record this year.

PAY UP your stock to the Mining Company so the work can begin.

Trust of heaven, with hearty purpose and strong hope, to get there.

PAY UP your stock to the Mining Company so the charter can be secured.

Jefferson City has adopted a third-class charter. What's the matter with Mexico?

Every stockholder in the Mining Company should pay up once. The money is due.

The Charity Center will be a grand success. The harvesters never do things by halves.

Every business man in the city should join the Board of Trade, and help to boom Mexico.

In this world, if we expect to do much or know much, we must improve our little opportunities.

The Board of Trade is one of Mexico's big advertisements. Its good work should be kept up.

The Legislature convened in Jefferson City to-day. Read our telegraphic report elsewhere in this issue.

The good old custom of keeping open house on New Year's day is going out of fashion all over the country.

The rockers on a chair never stick out half so far at any other time as when a man is prowling around in the dark barefooted.

"Social service" reform and all such stuff must be done away with before any political party can hope for any success.

The weather is rather cold but some of the candidates for spring election say their little booms have not been frost bitten.

PAY your Mining stock or step out of the way. The company is going to bore through and all who don't want to put up should pull out.

The Mexico banks all declared dividends of about 5 per cent. semi-annual dividend. This shows a healthy state of business in the community.

Dr. Paul Jones writes with even more force than he talks. We publish a letter written by that gentleman while he was in his usual state of health.

The Mining Company is bound to succeed. Those who put down their names simply to get free advertising should say so; there are plenty to take their places.

This, the week of prayer, is being closely observed in Mexico, as usual. Services are held nightly during the week, according to the programme published in the LEDGER.

EVERYONE interested in the Mexico Mining and Manufacturing Co. who has not paid the first 50 per cent. of its stock should do so at once, so a charter can be applied for.

THE LEDGER was the only paper in Mexico to publish the resolutions, etc., etc., about Shields at the request of the executive committee, and still some of the cranks continue to abuse us.

THE CITY Council holds its next regular meeting Monday night. It is presumed some action will be taken in regard to contracting with Mr. Llewellyn for electric lights for the streets.

There are "business men" in Mexico who don't spend a cent a year with either local paper. At the same time they grumble and kick because the papers don't accomplish even more than they do for Mexico.

James Thibb, P. D. Shaw denies the charge brought against him by his district Attorney, Biss, who, in his report to the President, charged that Mr. Shaw had induced him to resign his place by promises never intended to fulfill. Judge Biss shows that Mr. Shaw was the one who was using deceit and dishonesty.

THE HOUSE of Representatives of the Fifteenth Congress will have 168 Democrats, 152 Republicans and four Independents. "Ours" victory appears in the light of which, and all other elections will be made to one of the three elements named.

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THE THIEF IN MEXICO.

The Express Robbery Cleared Up.

The facts connected with the late Adams Express robbery are now all known and the robbers are under arrest. They were all amateurs and adepts. Witlock, alias Cummings, is only 26 years old and has shown extraordinary nerve. His confederates weakened and he went through with the job alone. Fotheringham was the innocent.

The Pinkertons arrested the gang in a fast house at Chicago, and deserve much credit for the neat manner in which they worked the case and recovered most of the money. The following is Witlock's confession:

The idea of robbing the express car was conceived by Witlock last June. "He was brought up as a boy in the same neighborhood with Haight and knew the former express employee well. Haight visited Chicago early last summer and there met his old friend, Fred Witlock. He worked with him for a time in the coal yard, and, while thus engaged, informed Witlock of his hard luck in losing his position with the express company. He felt very bitter against the company, claiming that he had been unfairly treated, in having been discharged on a charge of opening packages. The pair engaged in a conversation on the subject of express robbery and spoke of those that had taken place the past years. Haight had some of the letter-heads of the company in his possession and was familiar with the signatures of the officials. The pair then decided to get some imitation letter-heads struck off and forge an order to the messenger, whose names they were to find out later. The proprietor of the printing establishment was asked for the use of the room for the night by Witlock, who explained that he wanted to get up some election papers. After some persuasion the proprietor gave them the room, but they afterwards found out that it was not an easy matter to do the printing themselves, and they accordingly called in the service of a practical printer. Witlock explained to the printer that Haight was very poor and wanted to go to Kansas City. He had no means to get there, but could fix up a pass if he could get an imitation of the official letter-head of the Adams Express company. The printer thought the request a peculiar one, but finally consented to do the work, Witlock agreeing in the mean time to give him \$2.50 for his time. They then showed him

A SAMPLE LETTER-HEAD

and asked him to print some exactly like it. When the letter-heads were finished Witlock visited St. Louis. This was in September. He found his Omaha friend at work in the depot and spoke to him about taking part in the robbery, but he declined to have anything whatever to do with it. Witlock then left him, taking care not to tell him anything about the change of the plan. He then wrote to Oscar Cook relative to the matter, and in reply was informed that the letter was sick and could be of no assistance. Witlock then went to Pacific Mo., a point about 35 miles from St. Louis, which Haight suggested was a good place to leave the train. From Pacific he walked to the bank of the Missouri river, over a very rough road. On his arrival he selected a dry bed on the river bank where he could conceal a skiff and other property

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